

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Ashford, would you like to speak to the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Just briefly, I would. I would rise in opposition to the amendment. I would like to go back to the original intent behind this bill and I think this bill does not do all that Senator Chambers feels it's going to do. We are doing this for two reasons, one is to promote safety and one is to keep a steady flow of volunteer coaches for children. I believe that we have done this in LB 123. We promote safety by maintaining the liability of the nonprofit sports organizations and we have limited to a certain degree, not totally, the liability of the coaches. Again, if you read 123, you will see that we have not limited the liability whatsoever in the transportation of children or in the...or in other parts of the...well, in, basically, the transportation and keeping parts of the premises free from harm...children free from harm. The point is that we are promoting safety with this bill and we are keeping and ensuring into the future a steady stream of coaches. I believe that the intent is laudatory and the bill is a good one and it's a tight one and I would also, for those reasons, urge a vote against the amendments to the amendment...amendment to the amendments.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Higgins, would you like to speak to the amendment to the committee amendment?

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, Madam Chairman, I would like to speak to the committee amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Pirsch. Call the question. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All in favor of calling the question vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? We are voting on calling the question. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I am shocked that Senator Pirsch didn't comment on this amendment, but sometimes people on the sidelines will tell us things that they think are clever, then we say them publicly, put our foot in our mouth and then we can't take it out. But I am taking her at her word and